

COUNTRY NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST.

WOLLONGONG, FRIDAY.—The Harbour Trust held its periodical meeting today. Mr. Bryson, who was chairman, reported that since last meeting 165 blocks of coke had been made at the harbour works, making a total of 81, containing 1169 cubic yards. Sixteen new blocks had been set in the breakwater, one old one and several pieces, making the total number of blocks now 26, with a quantity of 169 cubic yards and 76 old blocks. Two more lengths of masonry had been put in, making a total length on top from the starting-point of 101ft. Work had been considerably delayed through the want of rubble and stone, the contractor not having completed his arrangements for the supply of the rubble below water at the end of the old breakwater. Only four blocks had been removed and deposited in the harbour extension. Nothing further had transpired in reference to the dredging plant except that the contractor had informed the engineer that he expected a reply from the Government in a few days. The engineer recommended that the work was not commenced until the advance notice allowed by the contract had been given. The contractor had submitted a plan for the extension of the old breakwater, which was accepted. A few accounts were held over. In view of the financial position, a special meeting in committee was held subsequently. It was decided that the sum of £3000 be availed of, thus giving the Trust upwards of £3000 to work on. It was decided to sign a voting proxy issued by the bank.

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THE GOVERNMENT SCHEME CONDEMNED.

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SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT MINE.

NARROW ESCAPE OF MINERS.

ONE MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

NEWCASTLE, FRIDAY.

An accident which very nearly had a fatal termination occurred yesterday at the Wallsend Colliery, Callan Hill, Newcastle. Some men at present unknown points of a siding were open, and the company's engine, with a heavy load, came into the siding of the main line, colliding with another engine standing there.

In the men, seeing the imminent danger, jumped out of the train. The rest to be 24 for sure per year. The occupant to hold the land for four years, when he is to be afforded a chance of making a better living. The miners are to be given a refund of money advanced by the Government.

The Government is to provide portable combustion factories at centres to experiment with new crops, and encourage the culture of same in other reasonable

BULLI, FRIDAY.

A large number of Bulli residents who supported themselves on the sea, have fallen, and are now to-day prevented from going owing to the heavy downpour.

CARCOAR, FRIDAY.

The weather has been exceptionally bad the last few days. Unusually heavy rains have fallen, swamping all the creeks, and rendering roads in parts of the district impassable.

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GOULBURN, FRIDAY.

The yield of potatos this year is particularly good. In the Taree district, the weight of 500 lbs. per acre is not uncommon, and one grower reports a yield of 15 tons. More land is being put under cultivation than last year.

THE REV. E. P. HOOD, B.A., of Inglewood, B.C., has been appointed acting precentor of St. Saviour's Cathedral for 12 months.

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LUDLOW, FRIDAY.

The land board continued its settings here yesterday, having dealt with a number of ordinary cases.

There is nothing fresh in respect of the reduction at the Vale of Clwyd; this being the only case so continuing. The men are awaiting the result of the trial.

Work of the pits still continues, but has been fairly steadily throughout the week. The Culm Pitt miners have been notified that their rating was to be 100 ft. per month, and that the miners' strike will be settled.

The local miners are awaiting themselves of the Curzon Depositors Act to release portion of their funds.

The pottery hands have been notified of a reduction averaging a shilling per day.

MELBOURNE, FRIDAY.

The Masonic Society of St. John and Edinburgh, No. 52, N.S.W., has elected officers for the ensuing year.

STROUD, FRIDAY.

Two hundred acres were applied for at the Crown Lands Office yesterday.

WILLCANNIA, FRIDAY.

The installation and investiture of officers of the Lodge Moucharibah, No. N.S.W. Constitution, took place last night at the Lodge Hall, Wilcannia. Mr. W. G. Moore, B.M., C. D. Tully, acting as master, assisted by Past Masters J. W. Keeble, J. R. Hodding, and F. Toy, Dr. S. M. C. Gunn, who was installed as the new master, and Mr. J. D. Dunn, who was installed as the new treasurer.

A David Livingstone memorial window was dedicated at the City Temple, London.

A special lecture on "Theology" was delivered by Mr. J. H. St. John, of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Mr. J. H. St. John, of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, has dedicated the Anglican Communion, and is now acting as curate at Albury.

The steamer "Adderley" leaves for Morgan to-morrow.

